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DRUG STORE BURGLARIZED

Gem Drug Store Entered by Robbers Saturday Night and \$1,538.00 Worth of Jewelry Taken.

TWO SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Blood Hound Brought from Harper and Trained to R. E. Kathryn's which lead to his and Geo. Horton's Arrest.

Burglars broke into the Gem Drug Store Saturday night and stole jewelry which is valued by the proprietor, G. J. Southworth, at \$1,538. The goods taken, as far as ascertained, are as follows:

- 26 Watches.
- 35 Watch Fobs.
- 124 Rings.
- 12 Gold Filled Chains.
- 4 Gold Lockets.
- 4 Outing Chains.
- 3 Gold Neck Chains.
- 4 Gold Bead Chains.
- 7 Gold Filled Chains.
- 8 Gold Eye-glass Chains.
- One and one-half gallons of alcohol.

The robbery occurred some time after midnight. Mr. Southworth was at the store after the Dubinsky Brothers show which was almost 12 o'clock and everything was in order at that time. The robbery was discovered at 8 o'clock Sunday morning when Otto Southworth came up to the store and found that the front door was unlocked. Investigation soon revealed that the store had been burglarized. The jewelry case was nearly empty but nothing else, except one and one-half gallons of alcohol, was taken, so far as is known. The entrance was made at the rear door. The door glass was broken, giving free access to the spring lock knob so that there was no difficulty in entering the rear store room. But this store room and the main store are divided by a partition in which there is a door and a window, both of which were bolted. Here the robber or robbers showed some artistic ability. A small semi-circular aperture sufficiently large to admit a man's hand, was cut in the upper glass and the window bolt loosened which let the intruder in the store.

As soon as Mr. Southworth learned of the burglary he notified Sheriff Mathews and after a short conference phoned for W. E. Burt and his blood-hound at Harper. Mr. Burt started for this city with his hound at 1:30 p. m. and arrived here at about 4:30. In the meantime Sheriff Mathews and Mr. Southworth made a careful inspection of the surface surroundings. They found two watch fobs behind C. N. Marshall's garage, dropped by the robbers, which was conclusive evidence that the exit and entrance was made at the same door. When Mr. Burt arrived with the hound, it took the trail in the rear of the store, went through the window opening and followed the trail south through the alley down to Lincoln avenue, crossing east two blocks to Spring street, then north to Mr. Southworth's residence where the trail was apparently lost. The hound was brought back to the store again and took the trail as before until reaching Washington avenue at the rear of V. S. Cook's store, when it went east three blocks and turned north near Spring Creek and went to R. E. Kathryn's residence.

After a short conference by Sheriff Mathews, Mr. Southworth and Samuel Griffin, acting county attorney in the absence of County Attorney Field, the officers returned to Mr. Griffin's office where a warrant was prepared and issued by Justice Collins, charging R. E. Kathryn and George Horton with the crime. They were arrested shortly afterward by Sheriff Mathews and taken to jail. The house was carefully searched but no trace of the stolen articles was found.

Mr. Kathryn has employed G. M. Martin to defend him. He is very emphatic in declaring his innocence, as is also Mr. Horton, and says he is dumbfounded.

The preliminary hearing will be

held before Justice Collins next Monday, February 7th. Mr. Kathryn was released on a bond of \$1000 on Monday. His sureties are R. M. Smith, C. T. McCracken, R. J. Taliaferro and Zeal Johnson. Horton has not yet secured bail.

Up to this time the fact that the hound scented the trail to the house is the only tangible evidence of guilt, and the accused and their friends claim that even this is not reliable and the question to be thrashed out is, how far will it go in court. The owner of the hound claims that she is a thoroughbred and that she has been tested often and has never failed, has trailed down offenders before, and had a good trail in this instance. Others assert that she had no trail at all and merely happened to wander into Mr. Kathryn's yard. Meanwhile the search is going on and the officers hope to connect either or both of the accused with the stolen goods. Mr. Southworth has offered \$100 for their recovery.

Mr. Southworth says this is the third time his store has been burglarized in recent years but this was the first large amount of goods stolen. Aside from the value of the goods taken, he especially deplores losing two keep-sake rings—one his mother's ring forty years old, and another ring given to him by his wife twenty-four years ago. Small thefts at night-time have been numerous during the past six months and every effort will be employed to find the guilty parties. Still it is the desire of everybody that no innocent parties shall suffer, and all hope that other evidence will develop. If Messrs. Kathryn and Horton are innocent, it is only justice to them that the real guilty ones be apprehended, while if they are guilty it should be thoroughly proved.

Heil-Porter

Orrie J. Heil and Miss K. Elsie Porter were united in marriage in this city by Probate Judge Garrison on Saturday, January 29, 1910. The groom is an industrious young farmer of the Sharon vicinity and the bride is the charming daughter of R. A. Porter and wife, one of the best known and most highly respected families of this part of Barber county. She has grown from childhood to womanhood in this township and is well known by everybody in the neighborhood in which she lives, and all who know her count it a privilege to claim her friendship.

The Index joins with these friends in wishing this deserving couple a life of many joys and few sorrows.

No Loose Coins in Mail Boxes

After February 15th, patrons on rural routes who put loose coins in mail boxes to cover cost of postage will do so at their own risk. Carriers will not be required to take up loose coins and post letters after that date.

The following circular recently received by Postmaster Axline from the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General explains how patrons on routes must proceed if they want carriers to stamp letters:

"In view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coins in boxes by rural patrons has grown, and the delay in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on rural carriers incident thereto, you are informed that, commencing February 15, proximo, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coins from rural mail boxes.

"Patrons should enclose coins in an envelope, wrap them securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin-holding receptacle, so they can be easily and quickly taken from boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps."

Alex Harris has purchased property in Geuda Spring and he and his family will move there in the spring. Mr. Harris sold his farm southeast of this city recently and has concluded to move to Geuda in the interest of Mrs. Harris's health. Their leaving will be regretted by their numerous friends in this city and vicinity but at the same time it must be conceded that health is always the first consideration. Mr. Harris will sell his personal property at public sale, the date of which will soon be announced.

Revival at Christian Church

This week is being observed as a special week of preparation for the revival service. Wednesday evening there will be a regular service at the church; all the members are expected to be present. Our new song books will be here and will be used. Thursday night the Official Board of the church will meet at John Brown's residence for regular meeting. All the officers are urged to be present, important business will be transacted. Friday afternoon the C. W. B. M. will meet with Mrs. Collins. Friday night all the singers of the church and city that will assist in the revival song service are requested to meet at the church at 7:30.

We are all expecting and looking for a large attendance at Bible School Sunday morning. All the regular services of the day. The pastor's morning subject, will be, "He that winneth Souls is Wise."

Elder Hendrickson will be with us to help in the revival services, beginning Monday evening, February 7th.

All are made welcome to our services.

Bishop M. Hopkins, Minister.

Will Put in Oil Tanks

The city council granted permission to The Standard Oil Company last Wednesday to put in storage tanks here and the material is now on the ground. Two large tanks will be erected with a sufficient capacity to supply all the small towns between Medicine Lodge and Belvidere on the northwest, and on to Spiney easterly from Belvidere. Heretofore this city and the immediate country north received their oil supply from the Kiowa tanks but their capacity is far too small to meet the demand, hence the decision to install tanks here and make it a distributing point. These storage tanks will be considerably larger than the Kiowa tanks.

Suspended Publication

The Isabel Herald suspended publication last Friday. Editor Holmes announces that he will move his plant to a larger field. During his five years in the newspaper business at Isabel Bro. Holmes got out a newsy little paper. It was a small paper, of course, for a small town, can not support a large paper, but it was a better paper than any other of like size or any published in equally small towns, that comes to our exchange table.

It is said that Mr. Holmes and some of the business men of Isabel have lately come to the parting of the ways and, if that is true, there was no alternative but that of suspending publication.

Methodist Church

We invite you to attend our regular week-night service every Wednesday evening. The service last week was well attended and much interest manifested. We hope for a good attendance this week. The pastor will give a talk on the subject, "Some things necessary in order to live a successful christian life." This service will be of special help to young christians. At the close of the meeting there will be held a session of the Sunday School Board to which all officers and teachers of the school are expected to come.

The regular services will be held next Sunday.

The Sunday school of last Sunday was better attended than usual. The help of the orchestra adds much to the music of the school. Let us have a large attendance next Sunday.

The sermon subject for Sunday morning will be, "What Should the Church mean to the Church member?"

The Brotherhood will meet in the afternoon. A full attendance is desired as there is business of importance to be considered.

Usual preaching service in the evening.

F. W. IMBODEN, Pastor.

See Cole Mercantile Company for the best shoes and the lowest prices.

G. F. Guthrie is building a nice addition to his property in the south part of town—the house in which his mother and sister live, and is making his home with them.

The Silent Reaper

Basil Milburn died at his home in this city on Monday, January 31, 1910, of pneumonia. He had recovered from a long sickness of typhoid fever with which he was bedfast almost four months, and seemed to be gaining strength quite rapidly, but last Wednesday evening he was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia and his condition was pronounced critical at once by Drs. Gilbert and Donovan who attended him. From that time on he kept growing worse until the end came at 11:35 a. m. Monday.

The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. W. T. VanHorn and Rev. H. C. Duckett, former pastor here and an intimate friend of the family, now residing at Guthrie, Oklahoma. The remains were interred in Highland cemetery.

School was dismissed Monday afternoon and Tuesday out of respect for the deceased, and all the teachers and many of the pupils attended the funeral. Several beautiful wreaths and floral offerings were presented by the teachers, pupils and school board.

Basil Milburn was born at Hillham, Indiana, March 15, 1864; died at Medicine Lodge, Kansas, January 31, 1910, aged 45 years, 9 months, 16 days.

The family came to Medicine Lodge from Jasper, Indiana in August 1908, Mr. Milburn having been employed as janitor at the school house of the city at that time, in which position he proved a faithful, efficient and trustworthy man. His death deprives the city and district of a valuable public servant and an honored citizen.

Mr. Milburn was a devoted member of the Presbyterian church and lived his christian life beautifully.

He leaves a wife and a daughter to mourn his death. The sincere sympathy of the people of the city goes out to them in their great loss.

Mr. Milburn carried \$2000 insurance in The Modern Woodmen of America.

EFFIE GARLAND-FAHRING

Mrs. Effie Fahring, formerly Miss Effie Garland, died at Anahuac, Texas, on Friday, January 28, 1910, of heart disease. She died very suddenly. She had just recovered from a severe attack of appendicitis and was doing well when the fatal stroke seized her. Her last words were, "The Lord will take care of me."

The body was brought to this city on Monday morning and was taken to the home of T. L. Lindley where it remained until 3:30 p. m., when the funeral was held at the Presbyterian church, conducted by Rev. W. T. VanHorn. Burial was made in Highland cemetery where the father mother and brother also are infolded in death's slumbers.

Mrs. Fahring was the last survivor of the family of Lewis Garland, consisting of husband and wife and son and daughter. The son, Wm. Garland, shot himself accidentally while out hunting, about fifteen years ago. Less than a year afterward, the father was fatally hurt while out horseback riding and died within a day after the accident. The wife and mother had been an invalid for many years and died a few years after her husband's death. Soon after her mother's death, the daughter went to Texas to live with an aunt.

Effie Garland was born at Waveland, Indiana April 24, 1864; died at Anahuac, Texas, January 28, 1910, aged 45 years, 9 months and 4 days. She came to Medicine Lodge with her parents in the '80's removing to Texas in the latter '90's, where she was married April 27, 1909 to G. R. Fahring. Mr. Fahring and the deceased's aunt, Mrs. Emma Belton, and a nephew, J. V. Garland, son of Benjamin Garland, accompanied the body to this city.

The death of this noble woman removes one from earth whose life was a model example worthy of emulation. Her Medicine Lodge friends extend to her bereaved husband and other relatives their most profound sympathy.

Chas. and Zeal Johnson closed a deal yesterday for the grass quarter a mile south of this city, on the river, west of Jas. Wise's farm. They paid \$3,000 for the quarter and got a bargain. It was formerly owned by a non-resident by the name of Gilmore.

Presbyterian Church

The addresses and special music of Sunday's special services for the young people, were of a high order, and were generally and highly appreciated by a congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the house.

The prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday evening at the usual hour. "What can I do to make our prayer meeting what it ought to be?"

There will be choir practice at the church on Friday evening at the usual hour. The Orchestra is requested to meet with the choir for practice.

The ladies are planning to observe Washington's birthday in a fitting way; but the details of the observance are not yet decided upon. A detailed announcement will appear next week.

The usual services of the day will be held on next Sabbath. Sabbath School, at 9:45 a. m.; Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject, "The Christianity of Christ." Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "A cure for doubting."

The pastor appreciates the sympathetic hearing given him by the Medicine Lodge people, and invites its continuance.

The public is invited to attend W. T. VANHORN, Pastor.

A New Mileage Book Soon

Beginning March 1 all Western railways will sell a uniform mileage book whose coupons will be good in nearly every state west of the Mississippi river, and some east of that stream. The book will be good for 2,000 miles and will cost \$40. One coupon per mile will be detached by the conductor in Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Indiana, Oklahoma, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin and part of South Dakota. Five coupons for every four miles traveled will be detached in Missouri, Wyoming, Texas, Montana and South Dakota west of the Missouri river. In New Mexico the fare will be three coupons for two miles.—Beacon.

Carrie Fought a Keeper

Denver, Col., Jan. 28.—A special to the Times from Butte, Montana, says Carrie Nation and May Maloy, keeper of a dance hall, had a set-to during Mrs. Nation's crusade through the red light district last night, which furnished excitement to a crowd of a thousand that was following Mrs. Nation. Fearing for the safety of oil paintings which the Kansas woman had denounced, the Maloy woman sailed in, tearing Mrs. Nation's bonnet and pulling her hair. Mrs. Nation, in spite of her age, swung her right arm with precision and force to the Maloy woman's jaw. Then the crowd interfered.

Notice to Land Agents

I hereby notify all land agents or brokers that my ranch in Eagle township is not on the market.

H. C. ALEXANDER.

Three cans of good corn for 25c at Cole's.

Prof. I. O. Sherrod of Lake City was calling on friends in this city yesterday.

W. C. Williams, Grand Lecturer of Royal Arch Masons, of Horton, Kansas, is here this week instructing the members of Cyprus Chapter. Meetings are being held every evening this week.

Hon. Wm. Gesner of Kiowa was extending the glad hand to his Medicine Lodge friends on Saturday. On Friday he was mixing with political advisers at Sharon and his movements give rise to a rumor that he has been persuaded by his admirers to again measure strength with Representative Samuel Griffin in the oncoming primary election. The Index has no positive information and far be it from us to approach the Hon. William upon the subject, but viewing it merely from surface indications, there seems to be substantial foundation for the rumor. The old machine leaders have been quietly searching for timber and several possibilities have been mentioned, but they have finally come to the conclusion that Mr. Gesner is by far the strongest man they can find. Of course, it is early yet and everything political is in the air so that it is probable that neither faction has its plans fully outlined. But this much is known: the political pot is slowly sizzling.

All wool dress goods going at a sacrifice at Cole's.

John Handrub returned last Thursday from Salina, where he spent the past three months.

A nice little boy arrived at the home of Sim Ewalt and wife last Thursday morning, January 27th. Dr. Donovan in attendance.

The Pythian Sisters will have a called business meeting at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, February 4th. The presence of every member is desired.

Rev. C. J. Spiers attended a Baptist convention at Crystal Springs in Harper county the latter half of last week. He returned home on Monday.

Miss Mary Davis attended the wedding of her friend, Miss Adelaide Bradshaw, in Wichita last Wednesday. Miss Davis has the distinction of being complimented as one of the prettiest and most attractively gowned guests at the wedding, in the Eagle's write-up of the wedding.

One Mr. DeRake has an action for damages against the Kiowa Journal. That paper devotes a half page to the aforesaid gentleman's comet and calls it Halley's. The DeRake comet is only a small side-show. Halley's comet, which scientists say is going to be the "warmest ever, is due, we believe, in April and will be visible until the latter part of May.

Clyde Binning and family and his father, Thos. Binning, arrived from Oklahoma last Wednesday and will visit about two months with their uncle and brother, Jim Binning, on Cedar Creek. They are still in the show business and have put in the past three years in Oklahoma. They specialize in magic, ventriloquism and light vaudeville and have done well since embarking in the business. It has been several years since they last visited here. All are enjoying good health and look prosperous.

The Index has dropped several names from its list this week for the reason that the parties are more than a year in arrears. We are confident that most, if not all, of these persons do not desire to discontinue their subscription, but they neglected to respond to notice which has been mailed them, and for our own protection we are obliged to quit sending the paper through the mails. A great many newspapers ignore this order made by the postal department but it is a risk. Not long ago an account appeared in print which told of a publisher's being heavily fined because he refused to comply with the order and we do not feel like taking any risk in the matter. The ruling is, of course, unjust. We would be willing to extend credit to all of our subscribers one, two or three years but when the strong voice of Uncle Sam intervenes and denies us that privilege it becomes imperative to bow to his will. We hope that those who have been dropped will call in and pay or send the amount of their arrearage which will make it safe for us to re-enter their names.

Hon. L. M. Axline went to Topeka on Friday to mingle with the statesmen assembled at the banquet table of the Kansas Day Club, or perhaps, speaking more accurately, to engage in a conference with the old school politicians who are making a desperate effort to wrest the state offices from the square dealers. For the past several years the Kansas Day Club provided an opportunity for the warring factions of the republican party to whet their "snickersneezes" and seek whom they might carve, and this year there is more gore and profanity to the cubic foot than at any time in the state's history. In fact the Kilkenney cats episode whereof tradition speaks was as quiet as a quaker meeting compared with what is going on this year between the squaredealers and the standpatters. None of the square deal element from Barber county attended the meeting although it is admitted by even the most stubborn standpatters that the squaredealers are in the majority by great odds, locally speaking. The other standpatters, besides Mr. Axline, who went from this county are J. N. Tinscher of this city and Postmaster H. E. Glenn of Kiowa.